### LCARF MISSION STATEMENT

To assist with moral, practical and financial support to resource families in Loudoun County, Virginia by encouraging open and confidential sharing of ideas, needs and concerns. LCARF will endeavor to meet the diverse needs of families by encouraging healthy and resourceful collaborations with government agencies, community organizations and the business sector in order to improve the lives of every child in care.

#### **LCARF VISION**

To supplement the physical, social and financial needs of the resource families in Loudoun County, Virginia by pooling available resources, incorporating the personal and professional experiences of individuals connected with LCARF and working together to achieve our mutual goals to enable resource families to improve the lives of every child in care.

Attendance at meetings,
events, training and other activities
offered to the Resource Family
Community, by the Loudoun
County Association of Resource
Families, is welcomed and
encouraged.

Participate in monthly LCARF meetings the third Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at DFS, 2nd floor

Childcare at LCARF meetings is provided.

Loudoun County Association of Resource Families

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## Loudoun County Association of Resource Families







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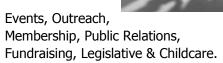
LCARF is made up of families in Loudoun County [LC], Virginia who volunteer and are trained and approved through The LC Department of Family Services [DFS] to provide short and long term foster care and/or be an adoptive resource for children in need.

LCARF welcomes LCDFS resource families interested in helping one another cope with the role they have chosen in order to achieve the best possible outcomes for children in their care and their birth families.

LCARF is a non-profit organization comprised of officers and members who support the mission and vision of the

Association by participating in committees and activities offered by LCARF.

Current LCARF Committees Include:



#### Why Do We Come Together As A Group?



#### Our Goals are to:

- Help each other provide the best possible care for the children in our homes
- Broaden our resources and knowledge of providing care to children in need
- Provide fellowship and support for each other
- Facilitate & run fundraisers
- Remain current and active in pertinent legislative affairs
- Educate ourselves by coordinating and participating in ongoing training
- Organize and participate in events—for both children and adults
- Support resource families financially when possible for approved items not funded by DFS



#### **How Can You Get Involved?**

As an approved Resource Family
[training and approval process through
LCDFS] you are invited to attend any
function offered by LCARF. We welcome
you to visit a monthly meeting to see
how you can help strengthen both the
organization and your community of
resource families.

Please contact Cindy Gavelek or Francie Beverage for the upcoming schedule of events.

#### It's all about the children

We invite you to join LCARF to improve the lives of all children in care.

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